

Examiners Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 4, please delete "claim 2" and insert in its place -- claim 1--.

In the Specification, on page 4 following the title "FORGERY-
PREVENTING FILM" please insert --This application is a CIP of PCT/JP02/07172, filed July 15, 2002. --

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sheridan Neimark on November 23, 2009.

Reasons for allowance

3. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8-28 are allowed and renumbered as claims 1-24.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest the recited forgery preventing film further including wherein the shading is invisible by reflected light but visible by transmitting light; wherein the total light transmittance through the light part of the shaded area is from 5

to 12 percent; and wherein the light part of the forgery preventing area has a dot ratio of from 5 to 70 percent.

The prior art does not teach motivation or suggestion for modification to make the invention as instantly claimed.

Any comments considered by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence Ferguson whose telephone number is 571-272-1522. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Sample, can be reached on 571-272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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